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SUBJ: INTERVIEW WITH CONGRESSMAN FINDLEY

1. ON JUNE 30 CONSERVATIVE DAILY TERCUMAN (CIR. 450,000)
PUBLISHED AN INTERVIEW WITH ILLINOIS CONGRESSMAN PAUL FINDLEY
IN WHICH THE CONGRESSMAN WAS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF EFFORTS MADE
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BY THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION FOR THE LIFTING OF THE ARMS
EMBARGO AGAINST TURKEY. THE INTERVIEW WAS REPORTED BY
TERCUMAN CORRESPONDENT AHMET SARPER. EMBASSY TRANS-
LATION FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: "CARTER'S EFFORTS ON THE EMBARGO REMAIN
INADEQUATE." PAUL FIN

LEY, AN INFLUENTIAL MEMBER OF THE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE, IN A SPECIAL INTERVIEW WITH TERCUMAN, STATED, "PRESIDENT CARTER HAS NOT PUT HIS WEIGHT SUFFICIENTLY BEHIND THE EMBARGO QUESTION." FINDLEY SAID HE HAS TOLD THE PRESIDENT DIRECTLY THAT HIS EFFORTS ARE INSUFFICIENT, AND HE ADDED: "I REGRET TO SEE THAT IN THE PAST THREE MONTHS THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT PROPERLY UNDERSTOOD HOW DIFFICULT LIFTING THE EMBARGO WILL BE. I HAVE EXPLAINED TO HIM ON EVERY OCCASION THAT NOT ENOUGH HAS YET BEEN DONE. I REPEATED TO HIM IN A FOREIGN POLICY MEETING HELD AT THE WHITE HOUSE LAST WEEK THAT THE NEED TO LIFT THE EMBARGO MUST BE EXPLAINED TO THE PEOPLE ON EVERY AVAILABLE OCCASION. HIS ANSWER WAS, 'I WILL EXPLAIN THIS MATTER TO THE PEOPLE AS SOON AS I CAN.' I THINK THE AMERICANS OF GREEK ORIGIN WHO WERE CALLED TO A MEETING LAST WEEK AT THE WHITE HOUSE MADE IT CLEAR TO THE PRESIDENT THAT IT WILL NOT BE EASY TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM, AND I HOPE THEIR STATEMENT WILL LEAD THE PRESIDENT TO BE FIRMER AND TO USE EVERY OPPORTUNITY."

FINDLEY ALSO CLAIMED THAT "THE MAN ON THE STREET IN AMERICA" KNOWS VERY LITTLE ABOUT THE EMBARGO. PUBLIC OPINION IN THE UNITED STATES IS UNAWARE OF IT. THOSE WHO KNOW THE ISSUE ARE GREEK-ORIGIN AMERICANS WHO ARE EMOTIONALLY INVOLVED. IT IS NECESSARY, FINDLEY SAID, FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO WILL NOT BE AGAINST AMERICAN INTERESTS. FINDLEY ADDED, "POSTPONEMENT OF THE VOTE IN THE HOUSE OF UNCLASSIFIED

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REPRESENTATIVES HAS BEEN A GOOD THING, BECAUSE IF THE VOTE HAD BEEN HELD TODAY, WE WOULD HAVE LOST. THIS IS BECAUSE THE ADMINISTRATION MOVED SLOWLY AND FAILED TO CLARIFY THE ISSUE, EVEN THOUGH IT KNEW THE VOTE WOULD BE HELD AT THE END OF JUNE. POSTPONEMENT OF THE VOTE FOR TWO WEEKS WILL PERMIT THE PRESIDENT TO MAKE MORE EFFORTS. I HAVE REPEATED MANY TIMES SINCE APRIL THE NEED FOR THE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE AN ALL-OUT EFFORT FOR THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO.

IT WILL NOT BE ACCURATE TO PUT THE ENTIRE BLAME ON THE PRESIDENT FOR THE SLOW-MOVING CAMPAIGN. IT'S A FACT THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS MOVED SLOWLY, BUT SECRETARY VANCE, TOO, WAS NOT VERY SERIOUS IN HIS EFFORTS. THE EMBARGO WAS NOT CONSIDERED A SERIOUS ISSUE, WHILE THE PANAMA CANAL WAS A FIRST PRIORITY ITEM. VANCE, INSTEAD OF STAYING IN THE UNITED STATES AND ACCELERATING EFFORTS ON THIS SUBJECT, TOOK TRIPS ABROAD FOR OTHER MATTERS. IN SHORT, CONSIDERABLE TIME WAS LOST FOR MAKING THIS ISSUE A 'NO. 1 PRIORITY', AND I BELIEVE THAT ALL FORCES MUST BE MOBILIZED IN ORDER TO WIN THE CASE. THE EMBARGO WILL NOT BE LIFTED BY HOLDING ONE OR TWO PRESS CONFERENCES OR BY INVITING 20 OR 30 CONGRESSMEN TO THE WHITE HOUSE. THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO WIN POPULAR SUPPORT. I REPEAT, THE EMBARGO IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE PANAMA

CANAL. THE PANAMA CANAL ISSUE WAS WON WITH THE KIND OF SYSTEMATIC EFFORT I HAVE MENTIONED."

THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM ILLINOIS ASSERTED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS NOT GIVEN UP THE "IMPERIALIST POLICY" OF TSARIST RUSSIA, AND FOR THIS REASON THE EMBARGO IS VERY IMPORTANT. FINDLEY SUMMARIZED THE EFFORTS THAT SHOULD BE MADE HEREAFTER

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FOR THE LIFTING OF THE EMBARGO AS FOLLOWS: "THE THING THE PRESIDENT HAS NOT DONE, BUT SHOULD DO, IS TO MAKE AN IMPORTANT SPEECH ON THE EMBARGO, AS HE EXPLAINED THE SOVIET UNION ISSUE TO THE PEOPLE AT ANNAPOLIS. THIS COULD HAVE BEEN AN IMPORTANT OCCASION FOR THE EMBARGO AS WELL. HOWEVER, SUCH OPPORTUNITIES WILL ARISE AGAIN IN THE FUTURE. I HAVE WARNED HIM MANY TIMES TO SPEAK ON TELEVISION ABOUT THE EMBARGO. HE MUST EXPLAIN THE MATTER TO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AND REQUEST THEIR SUPPORT. HIS NOT MENTIONING THE EMBARGO IN HIS LAST PRESS CONFERENCE WAS BAD. HE MUST

RAISE THIS SUBJECT IN EVERY SPEECH. IF THE PRESIDENT WINS
OVER THE DEMOCRAT LEADERS WITH SYSTEMATIC EFFORTS,
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REPUBLICAN LEADERS WILL FOLLOW. WE CAN WIN THE ISSUE ONLY
IN THIS WAY. IT'S NOT CLEAR WHAT THE UNDECIDED WILL DO UNTIL
THE LAST MINUTE. HOWEVER, I THINK THEY CAN BE WON WITH THE
NECESSARY EFFORTS.

IN THE MEANTIME, I SHOULD ALSO MENTION THE THINGS TURKEY
CAN DO. WITHDRAWAL OF A LARGE CONTINGENT FROM CYPRUS WILL
HELP US CONSIDERABLY DURING THE CONGRESSIONAL VOTE. THIS
STEP SHOULD BE WIDELY PUBLICIZED ON TELEVISION AND IN THE
PRESS BECAUSE THE TURKS ARE USUALLY NOT ADEQUATE IN THE
FIELD OF PUBLIC RELATIONS. THE GREEKS KNOW THIS WELL.
NICOSIA AIRPORT SHOULD BE OPENED TO TRAFFIC, AND INTER-
COMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BEGIN. THE REASONS OFFERED
BY KYPRIANOU FOR REFUSING TO MEET WITH DENKTASH ARE NOT,
IN MY OPINION, VERY CONVINCING." SPIERS

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